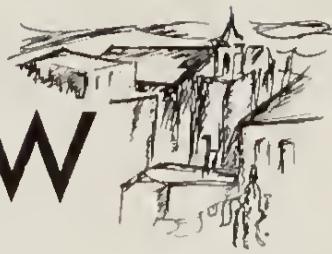




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Parents oppose bussing

"We won't put our kids on the bus on September 13." 100 parents of kids who last year attended Patrick Henry School have made this commitment and are doing something about it.

Shirley Dorsey is spearheading an organization called Patrick Henry Parents Against School Board Bussing, which is forming its own school on the Hill.

The group states that its primary objection to the bussing of school children is the long distances that very small children will have to travel each day to a strange area of the City.

Bill Snyder is concerned because his three children are assigned to a school one-half block from the "topless joints."

Snyder claims that the Patrick Henry parents opposing the bussing are of all racial and ethnic groups.

"I don't believe that the bussing will improve the quality of education; the \$3 million should be used elsewhere to improve the schools," he said.

The leaders of the boycott feel their organizing a private school is the best way to make their opinions known on the busing plan.

The parents will be responsible for the operation and staffing of the school.

Ms. Nell Kravchenko, chairman of the education committee, is contacting retired and volunteer teachers on the Hill, asking them to help prepare lesson plans and to contribute teaching time. Sites for the schools are needed as well as materials.

The group plans to have

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Registration closes Sept. 4

Poor to elect district council

Registration of "poor people" to vote in the upcoming Economic Opportunity Council elections will continue through Saturday, September 4.

Potrero Hill residents who meet the EOC's poverty guidelines, \$3,800 income per year for a family of four, may register at the following locations on or near the Hill:

The Brotherhood, 991 Wisconsin St.,

Central City Anti-Poverty Program, 86 3rd St., Community Action Committee, 1445 17th St., or call 421-9850.

To register a person must also have resided here for at least two months and be 18 years old.

Big VIEW benefit sale September 18

A factory sale of mod fashion Alvin Duskin label dresses will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St. at Southern Heights.

Proceeds from the special one-day neighborhood sale will be used to pay printing costs of future issues of THE POTRERO VIEW, a non-profit Hill community newspaper.

Mini skirts will be available for as low as \$4. Dress prices average between \$10 and \$20 - well below usual retail costs where profit and staff overhead rather than neighborhood service determine the mark-up.

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Black leaders criticize junior high assignments

Thomas Sammon, formerly principal at Pelton Junior High School, has been assigned by Superintendent Thomas Shaheen to be principal of the new Potrero Hill Junior High School. Sammon had been serving as acting principal for the school in its final stages of construction.

Sammon was relieved of his post at Pelton at the end of the fall semester last year following considerable pressure from the Hunters Point community.

In addition to Sammon, the School District has named Dr. Ramona Galeno as assistant principal. Galeno comes to Potrero from Marina Junior High School where she also served as assistant prin-

cipal.

Assigned as dean for Potrero is Benjamin Criswell who has been serving as dean at Pelton. Criswell was also one of the 14 candidates for the principal post at Potrero.

Leaders of Potrero Hill's black community were disappointed with the administrative assignments for the new school.

The majority of the students at Potrero will be non-white. Furthermore, if parents on Treasure Island refuse to let their children be bussed to Potrero, as they have threatened, the percentage of white students will be even smaller.

"After Sammon's past

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spokesman for EOC.

Ms. Genie Bowie, the anti-poverty executive director in District V, the former Central City Target Area, said her staff hopes to register 2,000 people on Potrero Hill.

To date, five candidates have filed for the two Potrero Hill seats. They are Cleo Wallace, Raymond Joyce, Elaine Sundahl, Joyce Westmoreland, and Donna Wellington.

Persons interested in running for the two Potrero Hill spots must obtain 20 endorsement signatures from local poor people and live on the Hill. Signatures must be submitted to the District V office, (Continued on back page.)

Money squeeze threatens house

In a last ditch move to stave off bankruptcy and closure of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, the executive committee of the board of directors voted early this week to halt all staff salaries for a two week period.

During this time the facility will be open for scheduled activities only and will be manned by a volunteer staff.

Paul Sherrill, board president, explained that most on-going programs will continue. "I expect that there will be no visible change," he said.

The decision to cut off salaries to all staff came after the executive committee reported to a gathering of staff and community people that as of September 1, the Neighborhood House would have no cash for continued operation.

Conservative estimates place the facilities needs for the remaining four months of 1971 at \$9,000. Assured income for the same period is only \$3,000.

During the two week moratorium, the board will begin fund raising efforts, and if initial results indicate possible success in raising the necessary \$6,000, salary payments will resume and operations at the Neighborhood House will get back to normal.

The current financial crisis came as a result of increased program and maintenance costs for the first two-thirds of the year. At the same time income has decreased.

The future of the Neighborhood House is further complicated by the recent resignation of Earl Crusier as Executive Director.

Free food program to resume

Hungry Potrero Hill youngsters and their mothers may have yet another month's wait before surplus government food can reach their tables.

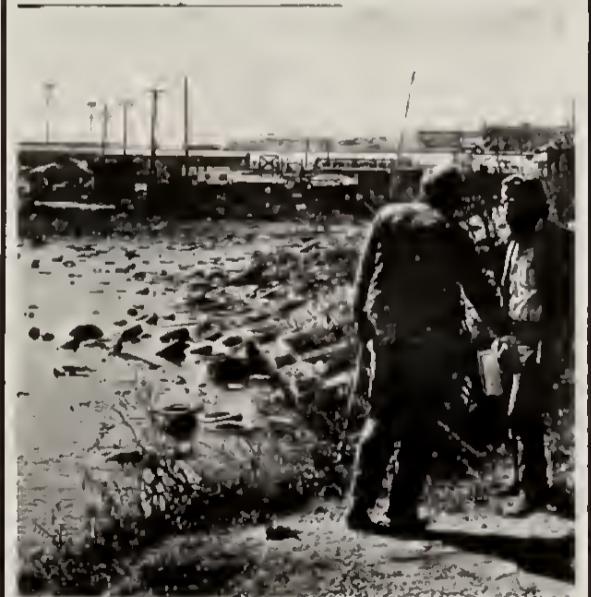
According to Dr. Oscar Jackson, director of United Health Alliance which administers the distribution of free food, funds necessary for the handling and delivery of the food are held up with the San Francisco Economic Opportunity Council which is undergoing extensive reorganization.

EOC recently approved an \$83,000 grant to the United Health Alliance for operating the program.

"The paperwork is pretty much completed," Jackson said. "Now we need to get the money and start setting up the program.

Eventually we hope to take the food directly off

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Warm water cove

Local fisherman points out some of the debris at Warm Water Cove, a favorite fishing spot off the end of 24th Street. P.G. & E. recently made some modest improvements at the Cove, including a small garbage bin and chemical toilet. The location is one of five recommended for recreational development.

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Wrong man

Hill Legal Defense

(The following letter was sent from Potrero Hill Legal Defense to Dr. Shaheen of the San Francisco Unified School District. Legal Defense supports the efforts of concerned community groups to create a school which will meet the real needs of the local youth.)

Sir:

It is our understanding that Mr. Sammon is your choice for the principalship of the new Potrero Hill Junior High School. We deeply resent your total disregard for the recommendations of the community members of the advisory committee.

The people of Potrero Hill are very concerned about this. We had open public discussions with all the candidates and numerous followup discussions to determine who was best qualified. Once again you have taken the sincere and tireless work of many of the community people and thrown it back in our faces.

Clearly you have shown that your real intent was to placate and pacify. Clearly you have demonstrated your lack of respect for the decisions of the people in our community.

Tell us about Democracy, Dr. Shaheen? Supposedly you picked the man who was best qualified... best qualified for what and for whom? Again it seems your definition of "qualified" has little to do with the people, the community, or the actual work the principal will have to perform. How else do you explain your selection of Mr. Sammon? Mr. Sammon was so ill-equippt to relate to young people, particularly young blacks, that he was forced out of Hunter's Point by irate parents. And now you turn around and place him in charge of another school filled with questioning black, brown and white young folks.

When will we get public officials brave enough to risk listening to the people they supposedly serve... brave enough to hear the cry from teachers and administrators who are capable of providing an educational experience that really responds to the problems and aspirations of our community's youth?

How long will you continue to spurn the serious attempts of our people to participate in the selection of our public servants? This situation is tragic. We wish you would change your decision. If not we will have no other choice but to follow the example of our Hunters Point neighbors and work to remove your pests as rapidly as you breed them.

Hills and Doles

Society's job

Bill Dowson

If you are poor, your needs are great; if middle-class, average; if upper-class, none.

What is amazing is how the people in no need are the ones who dictate the allocations to those in great need.

If you have never gone hungry, how can you know what is needed to fill empty bellies?

To be poor is no shame. The shame should be in the minds of those hypocrites who consider those less fortunate as their underlings.

Reagan's welfare reform is good in the area of welfare fraud. However, in tightening the requirements for eligibility, it is conceivable that he would also delay help for those in desperate need while a long investigation is completed to determine their eligibility.

I have talked with welfare recipients to determine what they think about Reagan's reform bill, and they are generally agreed that fraud investigation is necessary. However, they also say that the needy will now have to suffer for the greedy.

When I see my check, minus what Uncle Sam feels is his just share, it angers me to know that children are still going hungry. To my way of thinking, my taxes should be used to benefit my fellow citizens, and if any person within our society is going without, it is the duty of our politicians to see that they are helped.

If they are not fulfilling this need, they are not doing their job and somebody who can do it should replace them.

I have noticed in our area the awareness of my neighbors to the needs of the rest of the residents and their efforts to fulfill them with the help of the local and state bureaucracy. It makes me sick that these people are not helped by politicians whose job it is.

It makes me wish that we could hold them immediately responsible for their acts rather than wait till the next election.



Bussing.

Louis Dunn

Calendar of Hill Events

SEPTEMBER 2, Thursday
BINGO! 7 p.m. at Olivet Church, 400 Missouri St.

SEPTEMBER 3, Friday
Olivet Church dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Church, 400 Missouri St.

SEPTEMBER 6, Monday
Community Action Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

SEPTEMBER 8, Wednesday
St. Teresa's School opens for half day, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 10, Friday
St. Teresa's School begins full day schedule, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 13, Monday
Elementary and junior high schools open with full day schedule.

Citizens Improvement Association meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room at Starr King School, 1215 Carolina St.

SEPTEMBER 17, Friday
Olivet Church dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Church, 400 Missouri St.

SEPTEMBER 19, Sunday
St. Stephen's Baptist Church thanks you for the success of its bible school and invites you to its Sev-

enth Anniversary Services, 5 p.m. at the Church, 22nd and Tennessee Streets.

SEPTEMBER 20, Monday
Community Action Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

SEPTEMBER 27, Monday
Citizens Improvement Association meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room at Starr King School, 1215 Carolina St.
The Boosters and Merchants Association meeting, 8 p.m. at the library, 1616 20th St.

SEPTEMBER 29, Wednesday
Residents and Homeowners Council meeting, 8 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St.

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Weekly

OLIVET

Friday evening services at 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal, Mondays at 4:30 p.m.
Free movies, Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Potrero Hill Health Project meetings, Thursdays at 6 p.m.

BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in their office, 991 Wisconsin St.

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Waterfront plans

The Citizens Waterfront Committee's report on the San Francisco waterfront will be presented Thursday, September 23, at 8 p.m., at the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, Lyon and Bay Streets.

The report, titled "What to do about the Waterfront," is expected to recommend public access development at several points along the Potrero waterfront.

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Starr-King sculpture in repairs

Hill artist Ruth Cravath's vandalized statue of Starr King is due to be removed soon for restoration from its place in front of Starr King School.

According to Wilbert G. Vestnys, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Maintenance and Repairs for the San Francisco Unified School District, his department has established a work order to have the statue moved to the artist's studio where she will then repair her own work.

This is the third time the statue, memorializing in stone Unitarian minister and teacher Starr King, has had to be repaired since it was originally placed in its present site in 1955.

"The statue will be moved before the Fall semester begins and returned to Starr King School when the area is well enough supervised. We would be quite happy to return it sooner, but because of the amount of vandalism, we feel it best to wait until we can protect the statue and discourage further would-be



Vandals left Cravath's Starr-King statue bandless. We will fill that space temporarily with plants," said Mr. Vestnys.

"My statue stands in an area that is almost barren and uninhabited over the week-ends, and it is easy for damage to occur without anyone being aware," Ms. Cravath noted.

"I will prepare my studio for the job that must be done. I'm glad to know that there are plans to fill the void the statue will leave, for at the base is the children's mosaic which I helped the children of the school set in 1969," said the artist.

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CULTURE

Julian Theatre announces 1971-72 season plays

The Julian Theatre, at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, announced its productions for its 1971-72 season, the company's seventh.

The October 1 opening production will offer Harold Pinter's "Landscape" and Samuel Beckett's "Krapp's Last Tape", along with a new short play by Hill resident and playwright Ed Weingold, "When the Postman Came."

Two children's shows will be played this fall, a mime-dance version of "Peter and the Wolf" and an Italian comedy called "The Magic Kingdom of Serendip" by Carlo Gozzi.

Other adult plays during the year will be Shakespeare's "Henry IV", Brendan Behan's "The Hostages", Dennis Jasudowicz's "A Storyteller

From Flea Street" and a revival of "The Cheats of Scapin" by Moliere.

The Grassroot Experience Theatre Company, the Bay Area's only resident black theatre group, will be announcing its season soon. They will alternate with the Julian's plays at the Neighborhood House auditorium.

Ball park statue

Candlestick Park will have a statue of St. Francis at one of the three main entrances.

Work on the commissioned concrete and stained glass statue, created by Hill resident Ruth Cravath, will begin at the end of the year, and take about two months to complete.

"People ask me why not a statue of a ball player instead of a Saint? After all, I just wanted to symbolize the city of San Francisco," said Ms. Cravath.

Calendar

JULIAN THEATRE GRASSROOT EXPERIENCE

Saturday, September 11, 8:30 p.m. on, a pre-season fund-raising dance concert, at Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St.

Music by Nitro Express and The Workingman's Band, admission \$1.50, benefit Julian Theatre.

PROJECT ARTAUD

Saturday, September 4, Tuesday, September 7, Sunday, September 12 and Monday, September 13; "The Bacchae", a rock ritual based on Euripides tragedy, presented by the San Francisco Free Theatre at the People's Hall, 2800 Mariposa St., 8 p.m.

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Widespread opposition to new school principal

(Continued from page 1.) Sammon. "Sammon is a very nice man, but he's wishy-washy," said Ms. Maxwell.

Maxwell, minister of Olivet Church.

Ms. Maxwell spearheaded an active campaign to interview all the candidates for principal and submit recommendations to Shaheen. Her choice for principal was Criswell, the black man who has been named as dean for Potrero.

"We don't want just any black man. We need someone, black or white, with awareness," said Ms. Maxwell. "Criswell has worked well with all races. He's a darn sight better than

"Sammon is a very nice man, but he's wishy-washy," said Ms. Maxwell.

"The kids won't be any more integrated after they have been to Potrero than they were before."

Ms. Maxwell added, "Unless black and white young people get a chance in this system, we'll never get out of the educational rut we're in."

Cleo Wallace, president of the Citizens Improvement Association and also an active supporter of Criswell for the principalship, echoed Ms. Maxwell's complaints.

"Sammon shouldn't be in," she stated.

On the other administrative assignments Ms. Wallace said, "At least Criswell could have come as assistant principal. But the person they got (Ramona Galeno) was someone who wasn't even interviewed by people from the community."

Mojo Tubutu, director of the New Society Youth Club, also advocated Benjamin Criswell for the principal's job.

"The principal of that school ought to be black, considering the ratio of the students."

"If Sammon is there he'll probably cause the school to be shut down."

Aside from an on-going letter writing campaign to the School District, there is no planned protest action against Sammon's appointment as principal.

EOC elections

September 18

(Continued from page 1.) 863rd St., by Saturday, September 4.

Polling places on the Hill will be announced shortly.

EOC election officials will use City voting machines, and local poverty agencies will provide transportation to the polls in order to get out the vote.

The election, part of the reorganization of EOC announced last winter as "New Thrust", will be the first full scale balloting in the anti-poverty program's six-year history.

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Potrero Hill youngsters will attend schools in Zone III

Food club organizes to save Hill residents money

"The best southern fried chicken you ever ate", with all the trimmings, will be sold at \$1.50 a plate, at 3 p.m., September 11 at Olivet Church.

Money raised will go to the recently organized Mother's Food Buying Club.

The purpose of the club is to provide a bulk food-buying service for low income families. In addition to good cheap food, planners hope to provide nutrition classes for homeowners in the community.

Tentative plans call for the start of food buying operations on September 14. With money yet to be raised, the Food Buying Club will go to the farmers' market and wholesale outlets to get food and bring it out to the people in the community.

The purchase of food at cost by residents will return the original outlay and the Club will be able to continue its operation. Hopefully the organization will grow and move toward a co-operative basis of planning and working by those who make use of the service.

To place advance orders

for the dinner, or for information about the Food Buying Club, call Enola or Sandy at Olivet (863-5558) or Bonnie (334-9351). Any donations of ideas, labor, or money will be appreciated by the Club's planners.

Surplus food expected soon

(Continued from page 1.) \$ boxcars and store it in our own warehouse at considerable savings."

A 62¢ per crate handling charge paid to the State of California has been up to now the most costly part of the distribution of the free food.

"Until we get set up to handle the food ourselves, we'll do it the old way. I hope we can get some delivered to the communities in September," Jackson added.

Local United Health Alliance coordinator Ruth Wellington hopes the program can get underway this month as well. "We had lots of calls from mothers here on the Hill asking 'Will there be food?' All we can say is 'we don't know.' It's sad."

Bussing to Mission, Chinatown

Elementary school children on Potrero Hill will be bussed as far away as Broadway when the desegregation plan goes into effect on opening day, Monday, September 13.

According to Donald Johnson of the School District's Office of Desegregation, Potrero Hill is included in Zone III along with the Mission and Chinatown districts.

Racial breakdowns are: Spanish-speaking, 24.9%; other white, 23%; black, 18%; Asian, 25.1% and other non-white, 8.9%.

Zone III's elementary schools will serve 9,456 pupils, the second largest number in the City.

Because of the costs involved in chartering buses, classes will begin at three different times.

Hawthorne, Stockton, Parker and Spring Valley primary children will be in school from 8:25 a.m. until 1:55 p.m.

Bryant, John Muir, Marshall, Douglass, Scott, Alvarado and Buena Vista primary schools will start at 8:55 a.m. and end at 2:25 p.m.

Patrick Henry, Cogswell, Daniel Webster, Carmichael and Redding will be in session from 8:55 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. for intermediate children.

Edison, Starr-King and Washington Irving commence at 9:25 a.m. for intermediate children and end at 3:35 p.m.

Bussing foes meet

(Continued from page 1.) children learning in small groups of eight to ten.

The Patrick Henry Parents have been assisted in getting the school together by members of WALK, a City-wide organization which is boycotting San Francisco elementary schools.

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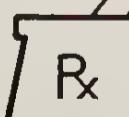
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